

House Concurrent Resolution 6 - Introduced

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

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1 A Concurrent Resolution calling for and supporting the
2 creation of a bilateral trade agreement between the
3 United States and Taiwan.

4 WHEREAS, the United States and Taiwan have enjoyed a
5 long-standing partnership with the shared common values
6 of freedom, democracy, and human rights; and

7 WHEREAS, Taiwan is a vibrant and dynamic democracy,
8 described as a "democratic beacon of hope" for the
9 Indo-Pacific region, serving as a key trading partner
10 and strategic ally to the United States, and ranking
11 11th in the world on the Heritage Foundation's 2020
12 Index of Economic Freedom; and

13 WHEREAS, the United States ranks as Taiwan's
14 second-largest trading partner and its third-largest
15 source of energy imports; and

16 WHEREAS, Taiwan was the United States' ninth-largest
17 trading partner in the first half of 2020, its
18 seventh-largest agricultural export market in 2019, and
19 its fifth-largest export market for United States beef
20 in 2020; and

21 WHEREAS, Taiwan supported over 373,000 well-paying
22 American jobs through investment from Taiwan-affiliated
23 companies and exports of United States goods and
24 services to Taiwan in 2019, and the two-way trade
25 volume reached \$103.9 billion in 2019; and

26 WHEREAS, it is in the interests of both nations

1 to negotiate a bilateral trade agreement during the
2 COVID-19 pandemic to further expand the global market
3 and secure international supply chains; and

4 WHEREAS, American and Taiwanese industries are
5 highly complementary, and a bilateral trade agreement
6 would facilitate cross-border commerce ensuring mutual
7 market access and enabling legal harmonization in
8 digital trade, intellectual property, medical device
9 standards, and many other areas; and

10 WHEREAS, on December 19, 2019, 161 bipartisan
11 members of the United States House of Representatives
12 sent a joint letter of support for signing a bilateral
13 trade agreement with Taiwan; and

14 WHEREAS, a bilateral trade agreement would not only
15 further strengthen both sides' economic cooperation
16 and their trading partnership but also create growth
17 opportunities for United States jobs and exports to the
18 benefit of the United States economy; NOW THEREFORE,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
20 SENATE CONCURRING, That the General Assembly of the
21 State of Iowa supports and urges the President of the
22 United States to launch immediate negotiations with
23 Taiwan with the objective of establishing a bilateral
24 trade agreement between our two democracies; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage of this
26 resolution, the Secretary of the Senate shall transmit
27 copies of this resolution to the President of the
28 United States.